SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE HAS EXISTED TO CULL THE SINFUL AND BRING FIERY RETRIBUTION TO THE GUILTY. BONDED TO A HUMAN HOST, THE GHOST RIDER ROARS ACROSS A DOOMED EARTH, FINDING NEITHER PEACE NOR REST.

RECENTLY, THE CURSE OF THE GHOST RIDER PASSED FROM JOHNNY BLAZE TO A NEW HOST, A YOUNG GIRL NAMED ALEJANDRA. ORPHANED AT BIRTH, SHE WAS RAISED BY A MAN NAMED ADAM, WHO SOUGHT TO USE THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE AS A WEAPON TO FREE HUMANITY FROM SIN.

WITH THE HELP OF JOHNNY BLAZE, ALEJANDRA BROKE FREE FROM ADAM AND TRAVELED AROUND ON HER OWN FOR A WHILE, TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM THE NIGHTMARE HER LIFE HAS BECOME.

BUT TRY AS SHE MIGHT, SHE CANNOT OUTRUN THE CURSE OF

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WHAT IF SHE IS DIFFERENT?

SHE WON'T BE.

IF I'VE LEARNED ONE THING IN ALL MY YEARS. IT'S THAT PEOPLE DON'T EVER CHANGE.

BLAZE.

PAIN FOR BLAZE.

THEY JUST CARRY MORE SCARS WITH THEM. IS ALL.

WHATEVER HER DRIVE WAS IN LIFE. WHATEVER SHE TRULY WANTED. SHE WILL STILL WANT IT.

FORGET BLAZE. HE WON'T BE THERE. I TOLD YOU.

THE *RIDER* IS YOUR HATRED NOW.

I DON'T WANT THE RIDER DEAD. I *NEED* HER. YOU WILL BRING HER TO ME. *THAT'S* THE DEAL.

I'M TOO WEAKENED IN MY CURRENT STATE TO FACE THE GHOST RIDER HEAD ON. BUT YOU AND YOUR SIBLING CAN DO THAT FOR ME!

IF YOU CAN BRING MY MURDERED SISTER BACK TO LIFE LIKE YOU SAY YOU CAN, ADAM, I'LL KILL ANYONE YOU WANT.

BEHOLD. YOUR SISTER IS RETURNED TO YOU *EXACTLY* AS BEFORE!

WELL...

...SHE DOES LOOK A *BIT* DIFFERENT.

"ONCE UPON A TIME..."

"...IN A CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY, THERE WAS A TEENAGE GIRL WHO BECAME A GREAT AND TERRIBLE WEAPON.

"SHE TOOK AWAY THE SIN FROM THOUSANDS OF POOR PEOPLE AND WIPED CLEAN THEIR SOULS IN THE PROCESS. LEAVING THEM LIKE LIVING ZOMBIES.

"A HORRIBLE CRIME.

"AND THE WORLD?

"IT WILL ATTEMPT TO *AVENGE* THAT TYPE OF THING...

"I'LL HAVE THE EXTRA CHEESY CHILI NACHOS, PLEASE."

NOW.

AND TWO TICKETS FOR TERRENCE MALICK'S TREE OF LIFE.

I COULD DO WITH A LAUGH.

THEATRE

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS FILM.

KEVIN JAMES IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR THE ANIMALS. NO ONE ELSE KNOWS THEY'RE TALKING.

I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU, SEEKER, BECAUSE OF THE SOULS OF THE PEOPLE IN NICARAGUA, I NEED TO MAKE THEM WHOLE AGAIN. I...NEED TO MAKE AMENDS.

HOW DO I DO THAT?

HMMM... I THINK WE CAME INTO THE WRONG THEATRE.

YOU TOOK AWAY THEIR SIN. YOU'D NEED TO PUT IT BACK INTO THEM AGAIN. MAKE THEM WHOLE.

WHERE DO I FIND THEIR SIN?

YOU REALLY NEED TO ASK?

HELL.

MEPHISTO'LL HAVE THEM LOCKED AWAY IN ONE OF HIS LITTLE LEDGERS OF ETERNAL SCREAMS AND SUFFERING.

BLAZE CAN HELP YOU. HE SEEMS TO HAVE A DIRECT LINE TO THE FIERY MAGIC KINGDOM.

HEY! YOU TWO DOOFUSES WANT TO STOP TALKING?

BLAZE?

SOME OF US ARE TRYING TO WATCH THE--UH...

I FORGOT ABOUT BLAZE...

SHOOOOM

THE LEATHER-PACKED GRANDDAD.

IS THAT...A ROPE ARROW?

SKREEEEEEE

THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

AND I SAY THAT AS A MAN WHO USED TO HAVE HIS HEAD ON FIRE FOR A LIVING.

YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO GET USED TO THAT SENSE OF CONFINEMENT, BLAZE.

FOR WHAT YOU DID DOWN IN CENTRAL AMERICA. YOU'RE GONNA BE GOING AWAY FOR A *VERY* LONG TIME.

HAWKEYE?

DUDE! DIGGING THE NEW LOOK!

REALLY GOOD TO SEE YA!

BOOM

WE KNOW IT WAS THE GHOST RIDER, YOU SATANIC SONOFABITCH!

I'M NOT THE GHOST RIDER NO MORE!

HE'S RIGHT.

I AM.

GET YOUR $%&$# HANDS OFF MY BOY.

UNLESS YOU WANNA FIND OUT IF YOU CAN FIRE ARROWS WITH STUMPS, THAT IS.

BLAZE!

IT'S TAKING ALEJANDRA!

WHATEVER "IT" IS!

OH. HEY...

AND NOW IT'S TAKING ME TOO.

HAWKEYE!

KNOW THIS. I FORGIVE YOU FOR THE BOWIE COMMENT!

AND I'VE GOTTA ADMIT, I LIED ABOUT YOUR NEW LOOK...

...I'M NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCED BY IT.

HMPH.

BOWIE.

OH MAN...

I REALLY $@#&@% HATE MAGIC.

"THIS SPELL, THIS PORTAL I WILL CREATE..."

WE WERE PROMISED THE GHOST RIDER.

BUT OUR SPIKES CAN CRUSH MORE THAN ONE SKULL TO A PULP, JOHNNY BLAZE.

YES. THAT'S RIGHT. YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE... ON WHEELS.

STEEL WIND AND STEEL VENGEANCE RIDE AGAIN!

STEEL VENGEANCE?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.

YEAH, SHE'S DEAD

SHE'S A CYBORG AND HER ROBOT PARTS ARE STILL WORKING, CARRYING HER DECOMPOSED BODY WITH THEM.

ZARATHOS KNOWS THESE LOSERS.

OH, HEY! SAY HI TO ZARATHOS FROM ME! ASK HIM WHY HE DOESN'T RING OR WRITE.

THAT'S RIGHT, JOHNNY BLAZE. YOU ARE NO LONGER THE RIDER. WE WERE TOLD.

YOU ARE FREE, YES? THIS PLEASES YOU.

THEN ANSWER ME THIS. THAT SPELL WAS MEANT TO ONLY BRING THE GHOST RIDER TO US.

SO WHY DID YOU GET DRAGGED HERE TOO?

PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT AS FREE AS YOU BELIEVED?

I'M THE RIDER NOW AND I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS CRAP!

YOU CAN HAVE YOUR LITTLE TWISTED SISTER REUNION SOME OTHER TIME!

I KNOW WHAT I WANT NOW AND I'LL RIP YOU TO PIECES IF YOU GET IN MY WAY.

WAIT!

YOU WISH TO RIDE AGAINST US?!

WE WILL SHOW YOU THE SERRATED SKILL OF THE BLOOD RIDE!

COME, SISTER, UNVEIL FOR HER THE TRUTH OF THE BIKE PAIN EXPLOSION!

SMELLS LIKE IGGY POP'S COLOSTOMY BAG.

HE TOLD US ALL ABOUT YOU. YOU KNOW!

ABOUT YOUR CRIMES!

BAABDA-BADDA-BADDA-BADDA

ABOUT YOUR NEED FOR PUNISHMENT!

PUNISHMENT NOW ARRIVED ON DEATH-SPIKED ROBO-WHEELS!

YEAH. YEAH.

BAADDA-BADDA-BADDA

ACCEPT YOUR FATE! DO NOT FIGHT DESTINY! THE UNIVERSE HAS SENT US TO DELIVER YOUR RETRIBUTION!

I WILL CRUSH YOUR PALTRY BIKE LIKE A WHEELED TWIG!

PALTRY?

VROOOAAABBADDABBADDABBADD

I'M A BURNING SKELETON ON A HIGH-SPEED MOTORBIKE

KRAKOOOOM

DAMN STRAIGHT I DARE!

TIME TO HIT THE BRAKES AND GET OUT OF THE...

...BIKE?

YOU'RE PART OF THE BIKE? HALF-WOMAN/HALF-BIKE?

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING.

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M KIDDING?

UHHH!

KRAKOOOOM

BOOOM

TWO SISTERS. AND I GET THE *REALLY* GROSS ONE WHO STINKS OF DEATH.

STORY OF MY LIFE.

ALEJANDRA!

WE MADE A *DEAL*, YOU KNOW. HE WOULD GIVE ME MY SISTER BACK AND WE WOULD DELIVER YOU TO HIM IN RETURN.

BUT MY SISTER IS STILL DEAD.

AND BLAZE IS *HERE*.

SO OUR DEAL IS OVER.

IF YOU ARE WISE, YOU WILL NOT FOLLOW. OUR WAR IS NOT WITH YOU.

IT IS WITH *BLAZE*.

BLAZE WHO HURT US BOTH SO MANY TIMES...

BLAZE WHO WILL SCREAM WITHIN ENDLESS WHEEL-SPIN AGONIES.

NOT TODAY.

BLAZE DIES AND HE TAKES MY ROUTE TO THE NICARAGUAN SOULS AND MEPHISTO ALONG WITH HIM.

I'LL SHOW YOU SOME WHEEL-SPIN AGONIES, YOU HALF-BIKE BI--

THUNK

THOSE PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AMERICA?

CONSIDER THEM *AVENGED.*

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